In non-teaching hospitals they are posted for casuality and night duties. Unpaid men who are not provided with free quarters are not required to attend on the patients during emergencies or in the night.

" (e) In February this year, the number of paid posts has been increased by 23 and unpaid appointments by 13.

" (f) Every student can secure one post provided that he is willing to be posted to any hospital either in the City or mufassal to which he is selected.

" (g) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (h) This question is under examination."

Allotment of yarn and cloth to merchants.

* 119 Q.—SRI S. A. S. RM. RAMANATHAM CHETTIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the surplus quota in yarn and cloth given to every centre in the whole of Madras Presidency during the period 1944–45 and 1945–46; and what was done with it all and by whom;

(b) how much of the total quota was allotted to Dr. Sir Alagappa Chettiyar, the special reasons for giving licence for so much cloth and yarn; and for how many lakhs of yards of lungi, licence was given to Dr. Sir Alagappa Chettiyar; and

(c) whether it is true that a licence which was given to a Muslim at Cannanore was cancelled and the same given to Dr. Sir Alagappa Chettiyar and, if so, the reasons for such preferential treatment?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) No centre in the Province has at any time been given a surplus quota of yarn or cloth. The quantities available for distribution from time to time are allotted equitably to all districts and there is no surplus left over.

" (b) The first part of the question does not arise. Dr. Sir Alagappa Chettiyar was granted in March 1946 an export quota of one lakh of yards of handloom cloth, per month, as a special case.

" (c) Cancelled licences are never given to other persons. As the Alagappa Corporation, Cannanore, was doing yarn business even in the pre-control period, it has had a yarn licence all along."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if it was the Government or the Textile Commissioner who granted the licence."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The Government granted it on the recommendation of the Textile Commissioner."

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how it is that the Government come in as a licensing authority under the control orders? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" This was done in March 1946. As it is, it is seen from the file that a letter was addressed to the Government and the Government asked for the opinion of the Textile Commissioner. He naturally recommended it and the orders have been passed on it."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know, Sir, what the special circumstances were under which the permit for export quota was given to Dr. Sir Alagappa Chettiyar? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" One of the reasons that seems to have weighed with the Government in the matter of the grant of the quota seems to have been the fact that he is a great philanthropist and has contributed large sums of money to various public charities."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Are only philanthropists allowed special quota? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I am only stating what has happened before this Government came into office. I could only help hon. Members with the information that I have at my disposal."

K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know if he is the only philanthropic person in the whole of the Province to warrant the entire quota of one lakh of yards to be given to him? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I am not sure if other philanthropic parties applied for it at that time."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Was there a communication to the other philanthropists? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I cannot answer this question. I have already answered what the reasons were."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if it was a quota for all time, and did it cease once an export of a lakh of yards has been made?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The quota was per month."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know whether the present Government feels that the previous Government was justified in granting such a large quota for one individual."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Now that the Government see the inequity of the order, will they revise the order and cancel that licence? "

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The policy of the present Government is to put down all inequities."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" So far as the present inequity is concerned, are they prepared to put down this inequity? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I think my answer covers everything."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" We want to know from the Hon. Minister whether this is an inequity or not and if this is an inequity, whether he will give us an assurance that this inequity will be stopped? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I have already said that the question will be examined to see that no inequity is perpetrated by anybody under this Government."

Production of khadi.

* 120 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a final scheme for the production of khadi has been formulated by Government and if so, what the scheme is with full particulars;

(*b*) whether it is proposed to give a fillip to 'Commercial khadi' as distinguished from 'self-sufficiency khadi';

(*c*) whether it is a fact that for years institutions and individuals other than the All-India Spinners' Association have, subject to such conditions as have been imposed, continued to contribute a great deal for the promotion of khadi production;

(*d*) what the position of these khadi producers will be in the new order of things; and

(*e*) whether the Government have received representations from khadi producers and, if so, what their decisions are?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) The hon. Members' attention is invited to the pamphlet on the Madras Government khadi Scheme, copies of which have already been placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) It is presumed that by the term 'Commercial Khadi' the hon. Member means 'uncertified khadi.' If so, his attention is invited to paragraph 18 of the pamphlet on the Madras Government's Khadi Scheme indicating the lines on which such khadi will be controlled.

" (*c*) The Government are unable to give a categorical reply to this question. Certain organizations which were once recognized by the All-India Spinners' Association have since been disowned by that body on the ground that they had ceased to work on sound lines. There have also been instances of private organizations exploiting spinners or indulging in reckless competition according to the conditions